

Advisory & Advocacy Council Meeting
September 27, 2016
3-4:30 p.m.
Room 201

Present:	Susan Cczyk, Howard Giddens, Susan Burns, Kelly Dobrowolski, Deborea Jones, Tina Fountain, Karen Triolo, Barbara Messick, Regina Johnson, Bruce Kelsey, Keith Zirkle, Family Members: Anne Marie Gromis, Kaytra MacDonald, Karen Zalewski, Joanne Huhn and Paula Muller On phone: Ashley Bruncsak
Items for Discussion	Discussion
Introduction	Meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. by Barb Messick, who opened up the meeting with greetings and thanks for coming. Introductions were made around the table.
Minutes Review	Minutes reviewed; minutes approved
FIRST Presentation Karen Triolo	Karen Triolo presented a PowerPoint, which was given out at the meeting. FIRST is an acronym for Family Informed Resource Support Team History: End of 2013, leadership spoke about youth that are aged out or who have exhausted our services. For these reasons FIRST was implemented, to achieve better outcomes for our youth with complex needs. FIRST partners with the family in every aspect of collaborating with youth and families throughout the process. <i>Family Informed Resource Support Team (FIRST) is a family team meeting approach designed to support youth remaining in or returning to family and community settings. FIRST aims to prevent youth from entering long-term residential care or to strengthen transition plans to expedite and support a youth's return to family and community. FIRST models the philosophy adopted by the Department for Family Youth and Engagement and strives to develop creative, child-centered, family focused, community-based individualized service plans based on family strengths and needs. This is achieved by developing new community-based customized services through identification, outreach and partnership building with local community providers. FIRST provides dedicated staff to network with local providers and connect families to services and supports located within their communities. Eligibility criteria for FIRST includes youth who become active in a second service division or youth at risk of entering an out of state placement. PowerPoint is available upon request.</i>
Wraparound Process Implementation Tina Fountain, Deb Jones & Kelly Dobrowolski	Tina presented on Wraparound, she explained what Wrap is and that it is a strength-based; collaborative process. It is focused on families to build their skills and to teach them how to depend on their roots and supports and transition away from our services. The care coordination is built upon 5 tiers, the Regional Sups use the CASII tool and then assigns them to Team Leaders. Then the team is matched up with the youth and family based upon their needs. CFCC is working hard to bring evidence based providers, in order to keep our youth in their community, home and schools. Deb added; we are relying on Family Support Advocates to go out in the community to find these services and supports available at all times; for the families to use in their own community; based on the families' needs. Kelly also added; Wraparound came to Delaware in 1999, she has been doing Wrap for 17 years now. "Wrap is a way of thinking." Families know their child best! Susan Cczyk added; that Wrap is really a cultural change, which started in Kent and Sussex counties first. We are all very excited about the changes this year! There are 64 children in Wraparound Delaware as of right now.
Family Peers & Family Organization Update Barbara Messick & Karen	Barb introduced herself and explained that Family Support Peers is a family ran non-profit organization. There are 9 FSPs as of now. Currently, there are 10 cases in Delaware, we can have 26 total in the state. Youth must meet certain criteria under Tier 4 & 5. Karen presented, she mentioned that there is a Board of Directors each of members have a child under 18 years of age with a Mental Health Disorder.
Medicaid Plan	Howard reviewed the updates on our new Medicaid Plan. As of August 24 th our Substance Abuse services were approved.

Howard Giddens	
<p>Updates</p> <p>Susan Cycyk</p>	<p><u>Children with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities & Behavioral Health Challenges Work Group:</u> If a child is diagnosed with this it is the state's responsibility to give access to families to get state services. Working on a report with recommendations of services, which will come out in 2017.</p> <p>Crisis Services: Have been put out to bid, we are responding statewide to youth who are in crisis, we are working to de-escalate the crisis quickly and figure out exactly what services the family needs. We have communicated with several other states to see what works for them.</p> <p>Day Treatment Program: One of the ways we measure success rates for our youth, is to look at whether or not youth are able to step down in services. We found that we have challenges in Day Treatment and Residential Treatment. We have started a new Medicaid Plan, where everything is "Fee for Service", we found that not all services in Day Treatment are able to be charged to Medicaid. Not all of our partners were on board with ending Day Treatment, there were a lot of concerns from families asking "Where will my child go to school now?" We took these questions into consideration, and are now working with the school districts to figure out where to go from here, with helping children still have a very supportive setting. In the meantime, we are leaving Day Treatment open. We will pay for Day Treatment through the end of December. We have a clinical team working on questions for the families to figure out the barriers and move forward in successful services for each family. Bruce Kelsey mentioned that possibly Day Treatment should be implemented in the school districts. Future meetings will be held to discuss such options.</p> <p><i>The next Community meeting will be held at Rockford Center on October 20th.</i></p>
Public Comments	No Comment
Meeting Adjourned	Barb adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.
Next Meeting	<p>November 17, 2016</p> <p>Multi-Purpose Facility</p> <p>3-4:30 p.m.</p>

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